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AMENDMENTS

To the Specification:

In the Jan. 29, 2001 response, Applicant amended the application on page one of the specification to additionally include a priority claim to co-pending U.S. application serial number 08/677,378 filed July 5, 1996. U.S. application serial number 08/677,378 has now issued as a U.S. Patent 6,222,525. Please amend the Priority claim to reflect that the application has issued as a Patent. The amended priority data should read:

--This application is a continuation of prior U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/106,825, filed June 29, 1998, now U.S. Patent 5,999,084, the entire contents of which are hereby incorporated by reference. This application is also a continuation-in-part of co-pending U.S. Patent application Serial No. 08/677,378 filed July 5, 1996, now U.S. Patent 6,222,525.--

To the claims:

Please cancel the claims of the Non-elected Groups I and II, specifically claims 8-20.

In claim 23, line 13 of the claim, please delete "to" in the word string "using to the second". After the correction, the word string should read "using the second".

REMARKS

In view of this response, would the Examiner please examine my application and find the claims 21-24 allowable over the prior art, thank you.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.